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The amendment filed on August 22, 2005 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because applicant's claims had previously been directed to the subcombination of a retaining device alone. Now, amended claims 15-25 are drawn to the combination of a dental kit, claims 26 and 28 are drawn to methods of using the retaining device and claim 27 is drawn to a method of using the dental kit. Since there are no claims pertaining to the first claimed invention, the subcombination of the retaining device alone, applicant has switched inventions. See 37 CFR 1.145. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry A. Grossman whose telephone number is 571-272-4539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7am to 4 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on 571-272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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